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BLACK HOLE OF the LEO!

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★ WHO'S WHO ★

SPICA

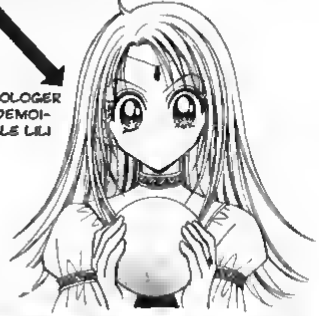
STAR RING

SPICA IS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR WHO SOLVES CASES WITH THE HELP OF HER STAR RING. SPICA KEEPS HER REAL NAME A SECRET.

WHO IS SPICA? SHE'S LILI HOSHIZAWA. LILI IS ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGED, ALTHOUGH SHE'S A WHIZ AT ASTROLOGY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

LILI'S DAD IS A COP. HE'S ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT LILI AND HER SECRET ACTIVITIES.

SPICA'S PARTNER IS HIROMI OKAWA. HE'S A GREAT DETECTIVE TOO. HIROMI IS ALLERGIC TO GIRLS.



ASTROLOGER MADEMOISELLE LILI

★LILI IS A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD ASTROLOGER. AT HOME, SHE'S THE CHIEF ASTROLOGER.

★LILI'S SECRET IDENTITY IS "SPICA P.I." SHE'S TOUGH ON CRIME, CRACKING CASES WITH THE HELP OF THE ASTRAL SPIRITS IN HER STAR RING.

KAZUO MUHOMATSU IS THE PRINCIPAL AT LILI'S SCHOOL.

★ STORY up to VOL. 2 ★

PRINCIPAL MUHOMATSU RECEIVED A THREATENING LETTER THAT SAID HIS GOLD STATUE WILL SOON BE STOLEN. LILI GOES TO WORK, TRYING TO SOLVE THE CASE. BUT CAN SHE DO IT?

WHAT A FANCY PARTY!!
ARE YOU NUTS, PRINCIPAL MUHO-MATSU??
YOU GET A THREATENING LETTER, THEN THROW A PARTY LIKE THIS?
I HAD TO!! I PROMISED ALL MY FRIENDS I'D SHOW THEM MY STATUE!
BESIDES, WHO WOULD STEAL A STATUE WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE AROUND??

Mademoiselle Lili's Astrology (5)

What brings you luck?
That depends on your lucky day and lucky color of your zodiac sign.

- ♈ Aries – Tuesday, red
- ♉ Taurus – Friday, navy blue
- ♊ Gemini – Wednesday, yellow
- ♋ Cancer – Monday, white
- ♌ Leo – Sunday, orange
- ♍ Virgo – Wednesday, beige
- ♎ Libra – Friday, pink and light blue
- ♏ Scorpio – Tuesday, dark red
- ♐ Sagittarius – Thursday, purple
- ♑ Capricorn – Saturday, brown and black
- ♒ Aquarius – Saturday, blue
- ♓ Pisces – Thursday, marine blue

ANYWAY...
To Spica,
Can you possibly solve this case? It'll be a tough case to crack!
From Sirius, who shines brighter than Spica!
HMM... THAT E-MAIL MESSAGE TO SPICA...
I CAN'T QUIT NOW!!
Happy 60th Birthday
Mr Muhomatsu!
CAN I HAVE EVERY-ONE'S ATTEN-TION??
WELCOME TO MY 60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!!
WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES MIDNIGHT, WE'LL UNVEIL MY GOLD STATUE!!
UNTIL THEN, RELAX AND HAVE FUN!!

IS THIS ...
...YOUR WAY OF...
...CRASHING A PARTY, LILI?
I KNOW WE DON'T HAVE AN INVITATION, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THAT STOP US!!
WILL YOU GROW UP?! AN ATTRACTIVE LADY LIKE ME MUST HAVE AN ESCORT. RIGHT, HIROMI?? HIROMI? HIROMI!!!
WHAT A DRAG!
Argh, this suit is too tight!!!
I HATE TACKY PARTIES!!
Whatever!!
You stinking little...

LILI, MY DEAR!
HUH?
TAP!
DAD?!
JUST BEHAVE LIKE A GOOD GIRL, OKAY?
OH LILI, I KNEW YOU WOULD BE HERE.
THAT'S TRUE, I SUPPOSE.
IT WOULD BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO STEAL IT TONIGHT, CONSIDERING THERE ARE TONS OF PEOPLE HERE AND IT'S IN A SAFE!!
UH,
I'M HERE BECAUSE, WELL, BECAUSE...
YIKES!!
SIRIUS...
I THINK DAD THINKS THE LETTER IS JUST A HOAX!
OH, JUST TO THE REST-ROOM.
IT'S SO COLD IN HERE. IT MAKES ME NEED TO PEE A LOT.
WH... WHAT?!
INSPECTOR! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
WHOEVER YOU ARE...

IT'S LOCKED UP NICE AND TIGHT IN THIS CUSTOM-MADE SAFE!!
WHERE IS THE GOLD STATUE ANYWAY?
RICH PEOPLE ARE SO ODD!!
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED!
SEE ??
WOW!!
I'M SO BRILLIANT!!
カチャ
IT'S SO SHINY!!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANYONE TO WORRY ABOUT IT TONIGHT. IT'LL BE SAFE IN HERE!!

...I WILL REVEAL THE TRUTH AND SOLVE THE CASE!!
...I'M READY TO TAKE YOUR CHALLENGE!
IN THE NAME OF THE STARS...
TICK
IT'S MIDNIGHT !!
EVERYONE, IT'S MIDNIGHT! IT'S THE TIME YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!! LET'S UNVEIL MY STATUE!!
Happy 60th Birthday Mr. Muhomatsu!
CLICK
...IT WAS JUST A HOAX AFTER ALL!!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE !!
WELL ...
!
AH!
AH!
AH!

LET'S GO, EVERY-ONE!!!
WE'LL TURN THIS PLACE UPSIDE DOWN!!
WAIT!! CALM DOWN, EVERY-ONE!!
THIS SAFE...
.....
IT'S AS THOUGH IT WAS SUCKED INTO A BLACK HOLE!
THE STATUE IS GONE?
HOW COULD THAT BE? THE SAFE WAS LOCKED UNTIL NOW!!
NO ONE TOUCHED THE STATUE DURING THE PARTY...
...BUT NOW IT'S GONE!
IT'S...
IT'S GONE!!
SOMEONE TOOK MY BEAUTIFUL GOLD STATUE!!

COME OUT!!
KAZUO MUHOMATSU'S ASTRAL SPIRIT,
REGULUS, THE SPIRIT OF THE LEO, ANSWER THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING!!
WHAT... WHAT'S GOING ON?
Hey!
THE STATUE WAS STOLEN!!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!!
はっ!!
IT DISAPPEARED, RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER MY NOSE!!
NO ONE LEAVES THE ROOM!!
THAT MAKES HIM A LEO!
THE PRINCIPAL WAS BORN...
...AUGUST 8TH, 1941.
I'VE GOT TO CRACK THE CASE!! I MUST SOLVE THE MYSTERY!!

キラン
ボカッ
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT'S SEXUAL HARAS-SMENT!!
じん
じん
ぶぉぉ
LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN
WHAT-EVER, REGU-LUS!!
PLEASE CAST HIS HOROSCOPE FOR TONIGHT.
YOU CALLED ME UP IN THE RESTROOM OF ALL PLACES!!
KAZUO MUHO-MATSU, DATE OF BIRTH, AUGUST 8TH, 1941...
...CAST HIS HORO-SCOPE FOR TONIGHT!!
SORRY, NOT GOING TO DO IT!!
ARGH!!!
Why?
BESIDES, YOU WEREN'T VERY POLITE WHEN YOU ASKED ME FOR THIS FAVOR!!
WELL, OKAY. SINCE YOU ASKED NICELY.
NOT A VERY SEXY CHOICE!!
HA!!
PINK POLKA-DOTTED PANTIES??
WHAT'S UP, LILI?

Greetings

Hello, everyone. Long time no see! This is the second volume of Zodiac P.I. Since I started this series, I've been watching detective shows on TV. My favorites are

Mitsuhiko Asami's Detective Stories

I like the hero. He's a sharp detective who cracks all the toughest cases. However, he does have trouble standing up to his mother and brother. Overall, he's a likable guy.

Judge Ayako Takabayashi

You get to see some great crime-solving tricks. Azuma Mano, the actress who plays the heroine, is very pretty. I try to emulate her!

Attorney Yuko Kasumi

I like the attorney's husband, who reminds me of Masuo in Sazae-san.

In short, I like detective stories with strong women characters-!

I SEE...
...NOTHING!!
I AM BEING SERIOUS!
KEEP JOKING AROUND AND I'LL FLUSH YOU DOWN THE TOILET!!
REGULUS, WILL YOU PLEASE BE SERIOUS?
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE. NOTHING SHOWED UP IN THE CRYSTAL! HOW COULD THAT BE?!
BAM!
SEE IF I EVER HELP YOU AGAIN!!
I WON'T NEED YOUR HELP, YOU BRAT!!

I CALL FOR TODAY'S HOROSCOPE FOR THE LEO, KAZUO MUHO-MATSU!!
...REGULUS IS HERE TO SERVE THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING!!
GUIDED BY THE RULING PLANET AND THE SUN...
TREAT YOUR TREASURES, WITH CARE AND FORTUNE WILL BE YOURS..
...AND WHAT REVEALS THE TRUTH OF THE DAY...?
WHAT?

IT WAS...
THAT'S IT!!
OH, WAIT! WAIT JUST A MINUTE!!
WAS THERE REALLY NOTHING IN THE CRYSTAL?
THE SAFE WAS...
...WET?
BUT REGULUS SHOWED ME THE CRYSTAL OF TRUTH!!
THERE WASN'T ANYTHING...
BUT HOW ABOUT YOU? WHY DID YOU COME TO THE REST-ROOM?
NO!!
LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER THE COOL TEMPER-ATURE MUST MAKE YOU PEE A LOT TOO!!
NO WAY!!
BECAUSE I'VE ALREADY FIGURED OUT THIS CASE, AND I CAME IN HERE TO GET THE EVIDENCE THAT WILL PROVE I'M RIGHT!!
YES WAY!! IT'S QUITE SIMPLE REALLY!
じゃーん じゃーん
OIKAWA!
AT MIDNIGHT...
...I NOTICED THE OUTSIDE OF THE SAFE WAS A BIT WET.
THAT WAS MY FIRST CLUE.
SIMPLE!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY, PRINCIPAL MUHOMATSU?
!
YOU ARE DISHONEST TO THE STARS!! YOU DESERVE A 100 MILLION LIGHT-YEAR PRISON TERM!!
WHO'S THERE?
WHO'S...

SO, DO YOU HAVE THE STATUE INSURED AGAINST THEFT?
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW. WHY DON'T YOU FIND A SUSPECT?
I'll do my best!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
...BRING THE TRUTH TO LIGHT!
...OIKAWA!!
THE STARS HELPED ME!...

SPICA?!
I'M THE ONE WHOSE PRECIOUS TREASURE WAS STOLEN!!
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OH, REALLY?! WHEN EXACTLY WAS YOUR STATUE STOLEN?
PRINCIPAL MUHO-MATSU, I FIGURED OUT YOUR TRICK!!
BECAUSE IT WAS NEVER STOLEN!!
YOU CAN'T ANSWER THAT, CAN YOU?
ON WHAT GROUNDS DO YOU SAY THAT?
WHAT?
...WHO JUST HAPPENED TO INVITE HERSELF TO THE PARTY.
♡
SPICA P.I....

I'VE GOT EVIDENCE!! THE SAFE WAS WET!!
IT'S WET OUT-SIDE.
...AND THIS ROOM IS COLD FROM THE AIR-CONDITIONING.
YEAH...
LOOK, THE WINDOWS ARE WET WITH CONDEN-SATION.
WET
COOL
WARM
RIGHT!! CONDENSATION HAPPENS WHEN WARM AIR IS SUDDENLY COOLED. DIDN'T YOU LEARN THAT IN A SCIENCE CLASS?
THE WINDOW GLASS DIVIDES THE WARM, MOIST AIR OUTSIDE FROM THE COLD AIR INSIDE THE ROOM. THAT TURNS THE WATER VAPOR INSIDE THE ROOM TO CONDENSATION ON THE WINDOWS.
THIS ROOM IS AIR-CONDITIONED.
IT WORKS THE SAME WAY ON THE SAFE. THE OUT-SIDE OF THE SAFE WAS WET...
...BECAUSE THE INSIDE OF IT WAS EVEN COLDER.
THEN THE OBJECT WE SAW IN THE SAFE EARLIER WAS...
...PROBABLY NOTHING MORE THAN A CHUNK OF DRY ICE, CARVED INTO SOMETHING THAT LOOKED LIKE A STATUE!!
AND DRY ICE WOULD DISAPPEAR IN A FEW HOURS.
YOU HAD THE NERVE TO THINK YOU COULD CLAIM THE STATUE WAS STOLEN, THEN GET INSURANCE MONEY FOR IT.
PRINCIPAL MUHOMATSU, THE OWNER OF THE STATUE IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD PULL OFF A TRICK LIKE THIS!!
YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD GET A FORTUNE FROM THE INSURANCE!
I BET IF WE GO TO YOUR HOUSE, WE'LL FIND THE REAL STATUE!!

A GUY LIKE PRINCIPAL MUHO-MATSU WOULD KEEP HIS TREASURE IN...
...THE MOST SECURE PLACE IN THE HOUSE...
HIS OWN BED-ROOM!!
I SHOULD LET LILI KNOW ABOUT THIS RIGHT AWAY!!
!?
PRINCIPAL MUHO-MATSU...
...WE'RE GOING TO SEARCH YOUR HOUSE!!
THE CRYSTAL OF TRUTH DID SHOW YOU AN IMAGE!!
IT SHOWED YOU THE MIST FROM THE DRY ICE!
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?
REGULUS, YOU ARE GREAT AFTER ALL!!
NOW, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!
HIRO MUST HAVE FOUND THE STATUE BY NOW.
HERE IT IS!!

I COULD REALLY USE YOU!
YOU CAN PUT SPICA TO THE TEST!
LILI'S...
...DAD?
BUT...
WHY?
YOU MUST HAVE HAD FUN PLAYING DETECTIVE TODAY!

OIKAWA!!
OKAY... THE MYSTERY ABOUT SIRIUS HASN'T BEEN SOLVED YET!
MY PARTNER WILL BE IN DANGER?
THIS MUST BE HIM!
Pi Pi Pi
Hiro is late!! What's he doing?
んもー
SHE'S ALREADY CHANGED TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE.
NO, IT'S NOT FROM...
Subject: To Spica
...OIKAWA.
TO SPICA:
SOLVE THE MYSTERY ASAP OR YOUR PARTNER WILL BE IN DANGER!!
FROM SIRIUS (WHO SHINES BRIGHTER THAN SPICA).

OIKAWA!?
TO SPICA.
SOLVE THE MYSTERY ASAP OR YOUR PARTNER WILL BE IN DANGER!!
FROM SIRIUS (WHO SHINES BRIGHTER THAN SPICA)
URRR!!
To Spica:
Solve the mystery ASAP or your partner will be in danger!
From Sirius
Bright star in Spica

Mademoiselle Lili's Astrology (6)

Leo: ♌ Regulus

Regulus is the name of a star in the constellation Leo. Regulus is very competitive and a natural leader. He tries to fulfill people's expectations. He has a cheerful personality and lives life to the fullest. He is very stubborn, though!

Leo boys tend to like easy going, sweet girls. When a Leo is in love, it's often easy to figure out who the object of his affection is!

I'VE GOT TO SAVE OIKAWA!!
COME OUT!!
HIROMI OIKAWA'S ASTRAL SPIRIT, PARN, THE SPIRIT OF THE CAPRICORN...
..ANSWER THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING!

OH MY GOSH !!
LILI!
DAD!!
WHAT HAP-PENED ?
WHEN I CAME OUT HERE, SOMEONE CLOCKED ME ON THE HEAD!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!!
LILI! UNTIE ME!!
IT HAS TO BE SIRIUS!!

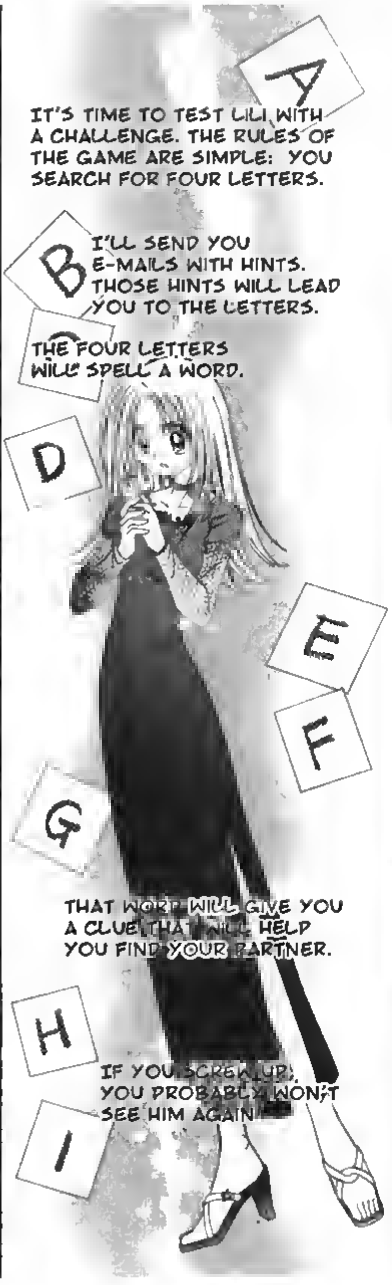
AFTER ALL, I DON'T CARE FOR COMING OUT OF THE RING AT ALL.
I WANT TO KEEP PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS HOURS.
FORGET ABOUT THAT!
IT'S AGAINST CONVENTIONAL WISDOM TO WORK AT THIS HOUR.
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
むむ むむ
ぴくっ
I'M IN TROUBLE!!
YOU CAN'T LET ME DOWN!!
ALL I NEED TO DO IS TAP INTO PARN'S STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY!
FOR PETE'S SAKE, PARN!! DO IT!!

HOW CAN I SERVE YOU TODAY...
ぴぃしっ
...MISS LILI?
OH?
WA... WAIT!!
CAST HIS HORO-SCOPE FOR TONIGHT!!
PLEASE, PARN! HIROMI OIKAWA, DATE OF BIRTH, JANUARY 1, 1988.

Pampering Myself
My first experience with massage therapy was with a technique called reflexology. It's popular in Japan so I decided to give it a try. At first it was painful, but after awhile I started to get used to it. The therapist massaged my feet. It made me feel like a rich woman!
She was right on about my health!
You tend to have problems with your digestive system, don't you? You're under a lot of stress, too. Am I right?
WE STILL HAVE TO LOOK IN THE CRYSTAL OF TRUTH.
YOU DON'T MEAN HE'S GOING TO DIE, DO YOU?
PI-DI-PI
To Spica
!
ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM SIRIUS!
SPICA:
DO YOU WANT TO PLAY A GAME? IT WILL GET YOUR PARTNER BACK!
GAME?
INJURED?
All right!
NOW THAT I AM OUT HERE, I WILL DO MY JOB!!
GUIDED BY THE RULING PLANET AND THE SUN, PARN SERVES THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING!
I CALL FOR TODAY'S HOROSCOPE FOR THE CAPRICORN, HIROMI OIKAWA!
SOMETHING UNEXPECTED WILL HAPPEN AND YOU'LL BE IN DANGER!!
BEWARE!! YOU MIGHT BE INJURED!!

SIRIUS!
WHAT? WELL, FINE!!
I'LL ACCEPT HER CHALLENGE!
URG!!
LET THE GAMES BEGIN! ♡
YOU... YOU ARE...
YOU PLAY A KEY ROLE IN PUTTING SPICA TO THE TEST!
BEHAVE YOURSELF!
OH, YOU FINALLY CAME TO YOUR SENSES?

WON'T SEE HIM AGAIN?
I'LL GIVE YOU THE FIRST LETTER. IT'S V.
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?
THE SECOND LETTER CAN BE FOUND AT:
714255
4285133203
8171553241.
GOOD LUCK!♡


IT'S TIME TO TEST LILI WITH A CHALLENGE. THE RULES OF THE GAME ARE SIMPLE: YOU SEARCH FOR FOUR LETTERS.
I'LL SEND YOU E-MAILS WITH HINTS. THOSE HINTS WILL LEAD YOU TO THE LETTERS.
THE FOUR LETTERS WILL SPELL A WORD.
A
B
D
E
F
G
H
I
THAT WORD WILL GIVE YOU A CLUE THAT WILL HELP YOU FIND YOUR PARTNER.
IF YOU SCREW UP, YOU PROBABLY WON'T SEE HIM AGAIN.

714255
4285133203
8171553241…
I DON'T HAVE A CLUE!
WHAT DO THOSE NUMBERS MEAN?
HMMM.
MAYBE I SHOULD ADD THE NUMBERS UP?
IT WOULD BE "NA I GO NI YO." NO, THAT ISN'T IT.
COULD IT BE A PHONETIC CODE?
THIS MAKES NO SENSE!! I'M AT MY WIT'S END!!
ANY MORE HINTS?
ああ
THE SUM IS 82.
THE PRODUCT IS ZERO, SINCE THERE IS ONE ZERO.
THE DIFFERENCE IS 66.

SOMETHING AGAINST SPICA?
PUT HER TO THE TEST?
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST SPICA?
MORE THAN THAT!
I'VE HAD A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HER FOR A LONG TIME!
SHE WON'T BE FREAKED OUT BY YOUR LITTLE GAME!
SPICA IS TOUGH!!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

E-MAIL?
HUH?
E-MAIL
THAT'S IT! E-MAIL!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE BUTTONS OF THE PHONE REPRESENT EITHER NUMBERS OR LETTERS, YOU SEE?
IF YOU PUSH 1 ONCE, YOU HAVE AN A. AND IF YOU PUSH IT MORE THAN ONCE, YOU HAVE DIFFERENT LETTERS. THAT'S HOW YOU WRITE E-MAIL MESSAGES USING THE PHONE.

IF YOU CONVERT ALL THE NUMBERS LIKE THIS..

71 42 55
↓ ↓ ↓
MACHINO

I MEAN, THE FIRST NUMBER 71 REPRESENTS "PRESS 7 ONCE" WHICH GIVES YOU THE LETTER "MA" ON JAPANESE CELL PHONES.

THE NEXT NUMBER 42 GIVES YOU "CHI".

MA CHI NO CYU SHI N YA MA NO SHI TA
(WHICH TRANSLATES TO
IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY, AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN.)

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE OR I AM GOING TO PASS OUT!!
EEEEEEK!!
HEY, LADY!
HOW ARE YOU?
WHOA!
AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN?
!
E
E!
THE SECOND LETTER IS E!!
Pi
Pi
Pi
V AND E! THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A CLUE!
かっぽーん
EEK!
MEN'S SECTION
EXCUSE ME!
Sirius, how dare she?!
THIS HAS GOT TO BE SOME KIND OF A JOKE!!

A DUMPSTER!
A THING YOU WOULD NEED WHEN YOU HAVE SOME GARBAGE.
SOMETHING UNNECESSARY. SHE MUST MEAN GARBAGE.
GAR-BAGE?
THE DUMPSTER AT A SCHOOL.
A LOT OF GOOD STUFF HERE, BRO!
BE QUIET! JUST PUT THEM ON THE TRUCK!
HOLD IT!!

MISTER, LET ME BORROW YOUR BIKE!
I'LL BRING IT BACK, DON'T WORRY!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING MY BIKE?
WHAT'S NEEDED WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING UNNECESSARY? HMMM. WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

TO SPICA:
NEXT, GO TO SUBARU JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.
To Spica
Next, go to Subaru Junior High School
What's needed when you have something unnecessary?
You'd better hurry up! ♡
WHAT'S NEEDED WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING UNNECESSARY?
YOU'D BETTER HURRY UP!
THE THIRD LETTER IS AT MY SCHOOL?

WHERE DO I GO NEXT?
Pi
Pi
Pi
THE LAST LETTER IS IN A DARK AND SPHERICAL PLACE.
GOOD LUCK,
♡SIRIUS
GIVE IT TO ME!
S... SORRY
G
CLICK
G
G!
I'VE GOT THE THIRD LETTER!!
?!
ばっ
ひぃ
...SUBARU JUNIOR HIGH'S GARBAGE ISN'T IT?
THAT'S ...

CREAK
THE PLANETARIUM!
WHERE IS THE LAST LETTER?
ぽつ

...THAT'S WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE STARS!
AND,
DARK AND SPHERICAL?
LOOK AT THIS!
PARN?
THAT'S NOT MUCH TO GO ON!
THAT'S IT?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FORGOT ABOUT IT!
WHY DIDN'T YOU REMIND ME EARLIER?
My goodness, this helps.
THE CRYSTAL OF TRUTH!

...WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE STARS...
DARK AND SPHERICAL...
...WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE STARS...

I'VE GOTTA ...!!
TEN MINUTES!!
YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES LEFT TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE! Good luck! ♡
4:53
BY THE WAY, SUNRISE IS AT 5:03.
KEEP YOUR COOL! THE SOLUTION IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK.
LIKE THIS?
THAT'S NOT IT!
NO!
RELAX, LILI!
OH MY GOSH!
I HAVE NO CLUE!!
DON'T MAKE THIS HARDER THAN IT IS!

I CAN'T SAY "WELL DONE" JUST YET!
YOU STILL HAVE TO FIND THE LAST LETTER.
HERE IS A HINT:
WELCOME, SPICA!
4:50
FOUR. MOVE JUST ONE STICK TO MAKE A LETTER. THAT'S YOUR LAST LETTER.
SIRIUS?!

I'M CALM, I'M CALM, I'M CALM...
I'VE GOT TO CALM DOWN!
I JUST DON'T GET IT. THINK!
OKAY...
...VEGA IS AT THE CENTER OF IT.
...THE LYRA SOLAR SYSTEM...
...THE POSITION OF THE STARS AND CONSTELLATIONS TONIGHT...

A
THE LAST LETTER IS A!!
4:57
4:59
THIS JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
AND I AM RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
TIME IS FADING FAST!!
"VEGA" IS THE ALPHA STAR IN THE LYRA SOLAR SYSTEM.
NO, OF COURSE NOT.
THAT'S WHERE OIKAWA IS?
WHEN I PUT ALL OF THE LETTERS TOGETHER...
...THEY MAKE THE WORD...
V
E
G
A
..."VEGA"

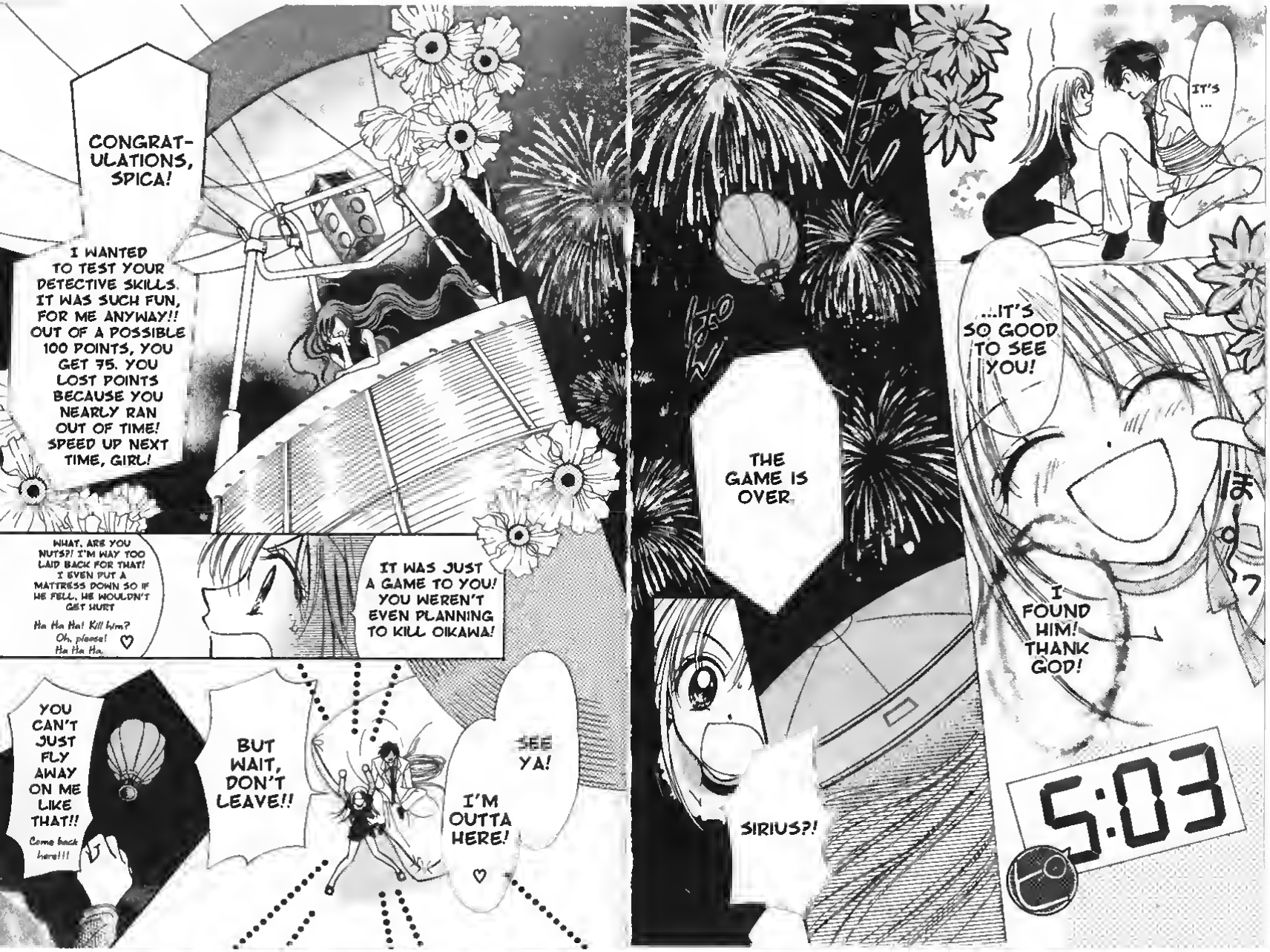
HE MUST BE ON THE TOP!
...OIKAWA?
PLEASE, BE THERE...
!
PERHAPS...
...OIKAWA IS ON VEGA...
...WHICH WOULD MEAN THE VEGA AT THE TOP!
WHAT IS IT, LILI?
OPEN THE DOME

My Trip -

One day I had the urge to take a trip, so I headed to Hiroshima. I decided on Hiroshima because it's warm and there are lots of sights to see. (I wanted to visit sites with lots of heritage.) Hiroshima is close enough that I didn't have to fly. I've always wanted to go to the Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima. It must be great to see the shrine on the water. But what amazes me in Hiroshima are the trolley cars. They are one of the most popular ways to get around. They are every bit as popular as the subway. Hiroshima is amazing. I've never seen another place like it. The A-Bomb Dome and the Peace Memorial are breathtaking.

Yeah, quite a trip!

It was amazing!


CONGRAT-ULATIONS, SPICA!
I WANTED TO TEST YOUR DETECTIVE SKILLS. IT WAS SUCH FUN, FOR ME ANYWAY!! OUT OF A POSSIBLE 100 POINTS, YOU GET 75. YOU LOST POINTS BECAUSE YOU NEARLY RAN OUT OF TIME! SPEED UP NEXT TIME, GIRL!
WHAT, ARE YOU NUTS?! I'M WAY TOO LAID BACK FOR THAT! I EVEN PUT A MATTRESS DOWN SO IF HE FELL, HE WOULDN'T GET HURT
Ha Ha Ha! Kill him? Oh, please! Ha Ha Ha.
IT WAS JUST A GAME TO YOU! YOU WEREN'T EVEN PLANNING TO KILL OIKAWA!
YOU CAN'T JUST FLY AWAY ON ME LIKE THAT!!
Come back here!!!
BUT WAIT, DON'T LEAVE!!
SEE YA!
I'M OUTTA HERE!
THE GAME IS OVER
SIRIUS?!
IT'S ...
...IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!
I FOUND HIM! THANK GOD!
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BUT...
YOU JUST THOUGHT AN ATTRACTIVE DETECTIVE LIKE ME WOULD COME TO YOUR RESCUE, RIGHT?
I WOULDN'T SAY "ATTRACTIVE," BUT YES, I THOUGHT YOU WOULD SAVE ME!
WELL, OKAY THEN!
.....
ANYWAY ...

DON'T PANIC. I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN, SPICA!!
HOW DARE YOU!!
SHE SAID SHE'S HAD SOMETHING TO SETTLE WITH SPICA FOR A LONG TIME.
FOR A LONG TIME?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HER!!
OIKAWA!
OUCH!!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, SIRIUS?!
I AM SURE THE STARS AREN'T WORKING FOR ME TODAY!

THANKS...
...
"ATTRAC-
TIVE"
DETECTIVE.
SIRIUS!
NEXT TIME, I WILL
REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY!

...IT'S
GREAT
THAT...
HE...
HEY,
LILI!!
...YOU'RE
SAFE.
I'M SO
HAPPY IT
WORKED
OUT!!
.....

DON'T WORRY! YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND WILL BE HAPPY TOGETHER!
YOU'RE NOT SURE IF YOU SHOULD ACCEPT YOUR BOY-FRIEND'S PROPOSAL.
EXCELLENT!!
PRINCE RYO AND HIS EXCELLENT FORTUNE-TELLING!!
HE'S NOT CALLED THE "PRINCE OF FORTUNE-TELLING" FOR NOTHING!
...A TV SHOW!
THE NEXT CASE STARTS WITH...

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EVER SINCE PRINCE RYO APPEARED ON TV, CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN LINING UP. MY BUSINESS IS BOOMING!!
THE ERA OF MADEMOISELLE LILI IS COMING SOON!! AT LEAST, I HOPE IT IS.
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE YOUR ASSISTANT?
WELL, IT'S LIKE THIS: WE HAVE SO MANY CUSTOMERS THAT I NEED HELP!
STOP TALKING NONSENSE AND GET TO WORK!
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HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
I'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT MY CAREER PROSPECTS
HELLO, EVERYONE I AM LILI HOSHIZAWA.
MY FORTUNE-TELLING BUSINESS IS KEEPING ME BUSY! ♡

Mademoiselle Lili's Astrology (7)

Capricorn: (VS) Parn

One day, Priest Parn was attacked by a monster. He tried to escape into a river by turning into a fish. However, he was in such a hurry that his transformation didn't work quite right. He ended up being half-fish and half-goat. Priest Parn is named after this character. He's always proper and responsible. He appears formal, but he's really sweet. Capricorns are often late bloomers. Capricorn boys tend to keep their emotions deep inside and find it hard to confess their love. The Capricorn can be bitter and sarcastic towards girls he's attracted to.

YES. THERE'S A SPECIAL FEATURE ON PRINCE RYO'S TV SHOW. IT GIVES TALENTED FORTUNE TELLERS A CHANCE TO COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER.
I WANT YOU ON THE SHOW!!
SEKI? YOU'RE A TV PRODUCER?
LET ME INTRO-DUCE MYSELF.
EXCUSE ME.
WHAT?!
...MOST FAMOUS FORTUNE-TELLERS AROUND!
IF YOU DO IT, YOU'LL BECOME ONE OF THE...
A FAMOUS FORTUNE-TELLER?!
WOW!
キラーン
WHAT?
YES!!!

BUT YOU WANT MORE SUCCESS!
AND YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME-THING NEW.
EVERY-THING IS GOING WELL FOR YOU.
OF COURSE! ♡
YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY RIGHT!!
WOW, THAT'S RIGHT!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON TV?
カ!!!
I HEARD YOU WERE GOOD, BUT YOU'RE BETTER THAN I EXPECTED!!
I'M VERY IMPRE-SSED!!
THANKS!!

HA!!
HOW ABOUT I GIVE YOU A RASH, ALL OVER YOUR FACE?!
URGH... STOP IT!
A WIG! WHATEVER! YOU'RE JUST WIGGIN'.
FINE FEATHERS DON'T NECESSARILY MAKE FINE BIRDS!
... WONDERFUL!
HOW...
LILI!
THERE'S MANO!
Do you think he'll give me an autograph?
DAD!
LOOK, THE FAMOUS "MORNING OTOME."

A FEW DAYS LATER...
WOW!!
AWESOME!! I'M GOING TO BE ON TV!
A REAL-LIFE TELE-VISION STUDIO!!
THIS DRESS IS MY MOM'S. AND I'VE EVEN GOT THIS WIG! ♡
THANKS FOR BRINGING US!
LILI, YOU LOOK SO PRETTY. ♡

HI! GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!!
SAME HERE!
ISN'T RYO HERE YET?
YOU MEAN PRINCE RYO?
I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH. RYO IS THE ONE WHO TOLD ME ABOUT YOU!
I HEAR YOU AND RYO KNEW EACH OTHER A LONG TIME AGO.
WHAT?!
LONG TIME, NO SEE!
PRINCE RYO AND I KNEW EACH OTHER...?
...A LONG TIME AGO?
MY LITTLE KITTEN, LILI!
WHA...?
My goodness! It's Prince Ryo!!
STAY AWAY FROM ME!!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR LITTLE KITTEN DOESN'T REMEMBER YOU, RYO!
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NO WAY! MY MOM USED TO TAKE ME TO YOUR MOM'S PLACE.
I'm heartbroken.
HUH?

...THIS IS FOR YOU, LILI!
IT'S GOING TO BRING YOU GOOD LUCK!
HERE...
ONE TIME WHEN I WAS CRYING...
I'M GOING TO BE A FORTUNE TELLER AND GIVE PEOPLE LOVE AND HOPE!!
I HAD SUCH A CRUSH ON HIM.
.....
OH, REALLY?
WHAT?

LILI!
HEY!
LILI!
HIS MOM...
...USED TO...?
!
NO KIDDING! YOU'VE CHANGED SO MUCH!! I HAD NO CLUE!!
I RECOGNIZED YOU RIGHT AWAY!!
IT'S BEEN AT LEAST FIVE YEARS, MAYBE MORE!!
AAAAH!
I KNOW YOU!
RYO IBUKI!! YOU WERE ONE OF MY MOM'S BIGGEST FANS.
ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW HIM?
YEAH, SORT OF.
RYO'S MOM USED TO BE ONE OF MY MOM'S STUDENTS.

OOOOH?
AND THE SOUND EFFECT! PLAY LOUDER BACKGROUND MUSIC WHEN I SHOW UP!!
I ALSO WANT YOU TO CHANGE THESE FLOWERS TO ROSES!
ROSES COMPLEMENT ME!
SPEAKING OF CAMERA WORK, YOU NEED TO TAKE MORE CLOSE-UPS. IT'LL BE GOOD FOR RATINGS!
OH!!
Whatever
What an ego maniac!
HE'S NOT THE RYO I KNEW!!
ARE YOU SURE YOU SECRETLY ADMIRED HIM??
...I KNEW WAS KINDER AND...
THE RYO...
HE'S CHANGED SO MUCH!!
HE'S INEXPERIENCED, BOSSY AND ARROGANT. IF YOU ASK ME, HE'S GOT WAY TOO MUCH ATTITUDE!

HEY, BE CAREFUL WITH THAT THIS TIME!
OH?
WHY...
DID I SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
OH WELL, I WAS JUST A YOUNG BOY BACK THEN.
WHAT?!
I'LL FIX IT RIGHT AWAY!!
I... I'M SORRY.
REMEMBER, MISS NODA?
THE LIGHT HAS TO BE ANGLED AT 45 DEGREES.
I AM TERRIBLY, TERRIBLY SORRY!!
THE LIGHT ENHANCES MY BEAUTY ON CAMERA!
THAT'S WHAT THE VIEWERS WANT TOO, YOU KNOW!

...MR. SEKI WAS LOOKING FOR YOU AWHILE AGO.
Stand by!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
BY THE WAY, MRS. AIZUKI...
RUMOR?
YOU'RE TAKING IT TOO SERIOUSLY!
SOMETHING IS FISHY AROUND HERE!
WATCH OUT, LILI.
HE MUST HAVE DROPPED IT HERE!
THAT MUST BE...
...ONE OF RYO'S TAROT CARDS!

FORTUNE-TELLING IS SACRED!
HOW DARE HE FLATTER HIMSELF LIKE THAT!
SHE'S SO INTIMIDATING!
HI, MRS. AIZUKI!
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D WANT TO COME TO THE SHOW, BUT WHY NOW, WHILE THERE'S THAT AWFUL RUMOR GOING AROUND?
YOU MEAN MRS. AIZUKI, THE FAMOUS PSYCHIC?
LILI, THIS IS MRS. AIZUKI. SHE'S JOINING US TODAY.

Natsumi Ando Almost Murdered!!!
It was in the dead of night!!!
I was working in one of the two bedrooms upstairs.
when suddenly, I felt someone approaching me from behind!
EEEEEEK!!!
My sister was supposed to be sleeping in the other room!
Is Ando in danger?!
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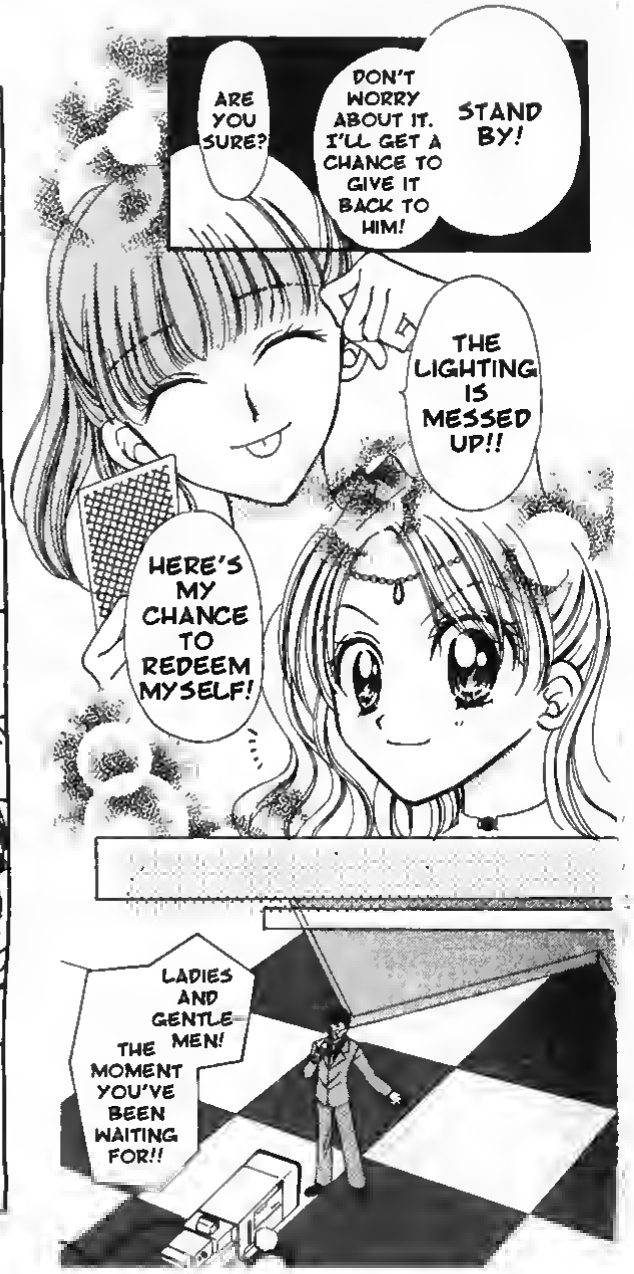
ARE YOU SURE?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I'LL GET A CHANCE TO GIVE IT BACK TO HIM!
STAND BY!
THE LIGHTING IS MESSED UP!!
HERE'S MY CHANCE TO REDEEM MYSELF!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THE MOMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!!

THE DEATH CARD?

I CAN DO IT! I CAN BE JUST AS CHARIS-MATIC!!
HI, I AM MADEMOI-SELLE LILI!!
MY SIGN IS TAURUS, A PERSON OF CHARACTER!!
UH-OH.
IT'S NOT A CIRCUS!

TIME FOR "THE FORTUNE-TELLING BATTLE"!!
THE LEADING PSYCHIC MEDIUM, MRS. YUME AIZUKI!!!
LET ME INTRODUCE OUR REGULAR FORTUNE-TELLERS!
THE IDOL OF FORTUNE-TELLING, THE ONE AND THE ONLY PRINCE RYO!!!
MAN, TALK ABOUT CHARISMA!
TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST IS A TEENAGE ASTROLOGER!!
MADE-MOIS-ELLE LILI!!!
HERE I GO!!

MAN, IS SHE GOOD OR WHAT?!
YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF SEVERE ALLERGY!
...YOU HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION.
YOU ...
PERHAPS YOU ARE STILL IN LOVE WITH HER?!
WHA ...?
IT'S SOMEONE YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH A LONG TIME AGO!
THE CAUSE OF YOUR CONDITION IS, LET'S SEE, A GIRL!!
LET'S SAY SHE'S YOUR...
VERY, VERY CLOSE TO YOU.
SHE IS VERY CLOSE TO YOU NOW.

AND NOW, OUR MOST POPULAR SEGMENT: "FORTUNE-TELLING SPOTLIGHT!"
LET ME PICK...
...THAT BOY IN THE SWEATSHIRT. RIGHT OVER THERE.
Aw, he looks scared and shy!
M... ME?!
HE GOT PICKED! HEE HEE HEE!!!
THE RULES ARE SIMPLE. EACH FORTUNE-TELLER CHOOSES ONE PERSON FROM THE AUDIENCE AND READS THEIR FORTUNE.
THE MOST ACCURATE FORTUNE TELLER GETS TEN POINTS.
I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE ...
...BUT FORTUNE-TELLING ISN'T BASED ON SCIENCE, SO I DON'T BELIEVE IN IT AT ALL!!

AH, YES!
LILI? ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M READY.
OVER THERE, THE YOUNG LADY WITH LONG HAIR!
NEXT IS TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST, MADEMOISELLE LILI!!
I WANT TO KNOW WHO THIS GIRL IS!!!
I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE!!
YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS IN HIGH GEAR!! YOU'LL GET MARRIED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
YOU ARE...
...FULL OF HAPPINESS RIGHT NOW!
COME ON! CONCENTRATE, CONCENTRATE!!

THIS IS NOT FORTUNE-TELLING!!
THIS IS AN INVASION OF MY PRIVACY!! YOU'RE VIOLATING MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!!
LILI'S DAD.
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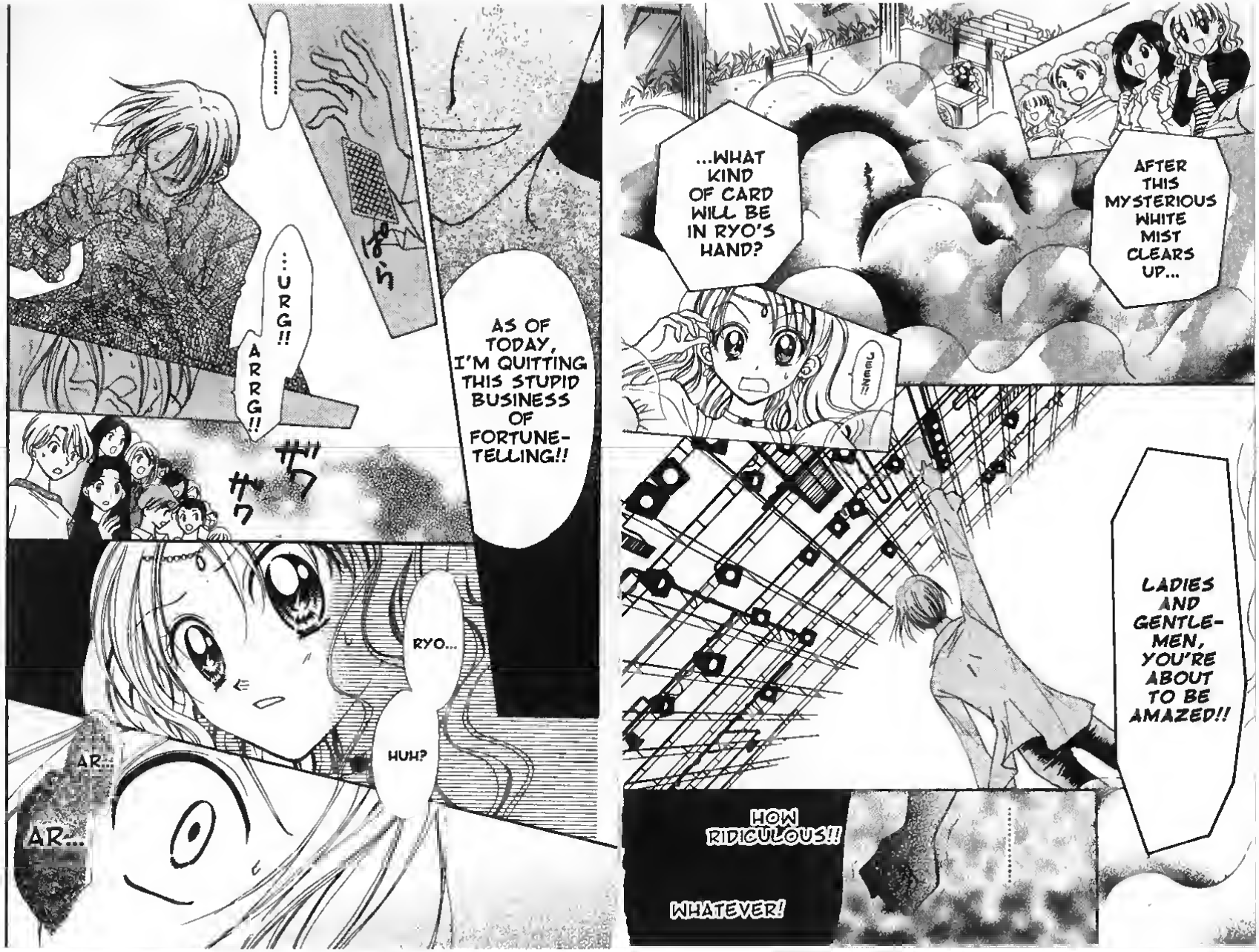
...THE WORLD ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?!
WHAT IN...
A GIRL OIKAWA IS IN LOVE WITH...
...IS SOMEONE VERY CLOSE TO HIM?

...OLD FRIEND FROM...
ARRRRGH!!
ENOUGH!! CUT!! STOP!!

WHAT'S THAT?
THERE!!
PRINCE RYO'S FORTUNE-TELLING!!

YOU'RE NUTS!! I BROKE UP WITH MY FIANCÉ!! HE'S NOTHING BUT A TWO-TIMING, WORTHLESS, PIECE OF....
I AM ALWAYS RIGHT!!
NO, THAT CAN'T BE!!
HA!!
WHAT? YOU'RE A FREAK!!
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE NUMBER?
YOU, WITH THE BEAUTIFUL EYES.
FIVE? OKAY.
LET'S SEE
...FIVE!
ENOUGH!
IT'S MY TURN!


AS OF TODAY, I'M QUITTING THIS STUPID BUSINESS OF FORTUNE-TELLING!!
ARRG!!
...URG!!
.....
RYO...
HUH?
AR...
AR...
AFTER THIS MYSTERIOUS WHITE MIST CLEARS UP...
...WHAT KIND OF CARD WILL BE IN RYO'S HAND?
TSUKI
LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN, YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE AMAZED!!
.....
HOW RIDICULOUS!!
WHATEVER!

CUT!
CUT!
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!
OH NO!!
CALL 911!!!
CALL RIGHT AWAY!!
HIS PULSE IS WEAK!!
RYO!!
LILI, DON'T MOVE HIM!!
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WELL, TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT!!
NO, NEVER-MIND. WE'RE JUST TALKING...
THE POLICE?!
WHAT?
I'M AFRAID THIS MAY HAVE SOME-THING TO DO WITH THAT THING!!
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD!!
WE GOT A STRANGE LETTER A FEW DAYS AGO.
I HOPE IT'S NO BIG DEAL!
Cancel the show right now!
If you don't,
one of the guest
fortune-tellers will
be in danger!!
THRE-TENING LETTER?
ONE OF THE GUEST FORTUNE-TELLERS WILL BE...
...IN DANGER?!
CANCEL THE SHOW?
POISONED?!
HE COULD HAVE BEEN POISONED!!
NO KIDDING!!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN POISONED!!
HE'S UNCONSCIOUS, HAS A WEAK PULSE, AND HIS EYES ARE DILATED!!
WHAT?
...OCTOBER 6TH!!
RYO'S BIRTH-DAY IS...
OIKAWA, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

AND COME OUT NOW!!
GUIDE ME!
ANSWER THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING!
ONE OF THE GUEST FORTUNE-TELLERS ?!
!
STUDIO 2
EEEK!!
I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT...
...WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO RYO!
I COULD USE THIS ROOM!
IT'S JUST A BEAR SUIT!!

HELP ME REVEAL...
...THE TRUTH!!
ASTREA!
YEAH! IT'S GREAT TO BE OUTSIDE! ♡
HEY LILI! I WAS GONNA ASK YOU A QUESTION. ♡
WHAT?
HERE, HERE!

...ASTREA HERE SERVES THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING!
GUIDED BY THE RULING PLANET AND THE SUN...
TODAY'S HOROSCOPE FOR THE LIBRA RYO...
YOU HURT OTHER PEOPLE'S PRIDE, BUT YOU DON'T MEAN TO!
TRY TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE!!
AND WHAT REVEALS THE TRUTH IS...

WHAAAT?
I DON'T CARE WHAT COLOR EARRINGS YOU WEAR!
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME! RED MAKES ME LOOK BEAUTIFUL AND WILD!
AND BLUE MAKES ME LOOK SMART!
LOOK AT THIS EARRING. WHICH COLOR IS BETTER, RED OR BLUE?
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO DECIDE ON A COLOR FOR NEARLY A MONTH!
ANTARES SAYS RED
BUT REGULUS SAYS BLUE LOOKS BETTER ON ME!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!!
CAST RYO'S HOROSCOPE FOR TODAY!! HIS BIRTHDAY IS OCTOBER 6TH, 1985!!
PACIFIST
HEY!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL AT ME LIKE THAT! I'LL DO WHAT I HAVE TO DO.

!
LILI!
BEHIND YOU!!
URG!!
SHOOT!!

TAROT CARDS?
SPEAKING OF WHICH
SOMETHING WAS WEIRD WHEN HE WAS HANDLING THE TAROT CARDS
THAT WAS...

Mademoiselle Lili's Astrology (8)

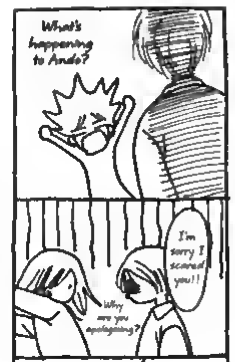
Libra: ♎ Astrea

Astrea is the Goddess of Justice and holds the scale, the symbol of Libra, in her hand. Some believe the constellation Virgo actually has the shape of Astrea, but I used her name for the astral spirit of Libra. Astrea is an elegant, attractive, and smart individual with a great aesthetic sense. She treats everyone equally. Although she appears impeccable, she tends to be too self-conscious. Libra boys like curious and cheerful mates. Because they are kind to everyone, misunderstandings in relationships can result.

OIKAWA!
BAM!!
STOP IT!!
LET LILI GO NOW!!
W..!!
WAIT!!
COUGH, COUGH.
I... I'M FINE!
I'M PRETTY TOUGH, YOU KNOW!
LILI!! YOU OKAY?

DAD!
WHERE IS RYO?
THEY TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL!
THEY'RE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON HIM!
WE'D BETTER GO BACK TO THE STUDIO!
O'IKAWA!
I THINK HE'S IN CRITICAL CONDITION!
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO TODAY'S SHOW? Are they going to cancel it?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HEY!

BOY, HE'S GOT A SHORT FUSE!!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!
LEAVING THE STUDIO BY YOURSELF?! THAT'S SO DANGEROUS!! ARE YOU CRAZY!!
THE CREW GOT A THREATENING LETTER A FEW DAYS AGO!
DON'T PUSH ME!
SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO WORRY YOU.
WHAT?
...OR ONE OF THE GUEST FORTUNE-TELLERS WOULD BE IN DANGER!
IT TOLD THEM TO CANCEL THE SHOW...
A THREATENING LETTER?



The next day I asked my sister what really happened the night before. She lives by herself in an apartment but on that night she happened to be staying at my parents house. She woke up in the middle of the night thinking she was by herself in her apartment. She got scared because she heard noises from the room next door. She decided to go and investigate the strange noises. She ended up in my room where I was working.

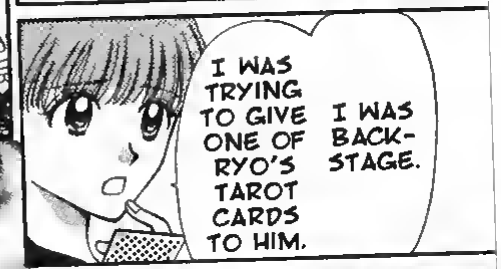
Jeez, that's a scary thought!!

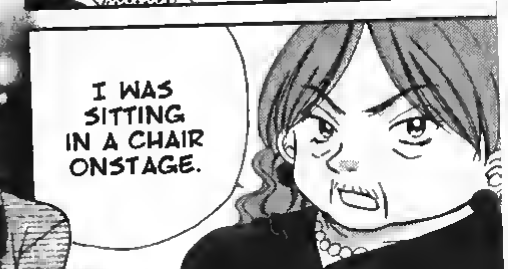
I was so terrified!! You're lucky I didn't clock you with a baseball bat! Ha, ha, ha!!

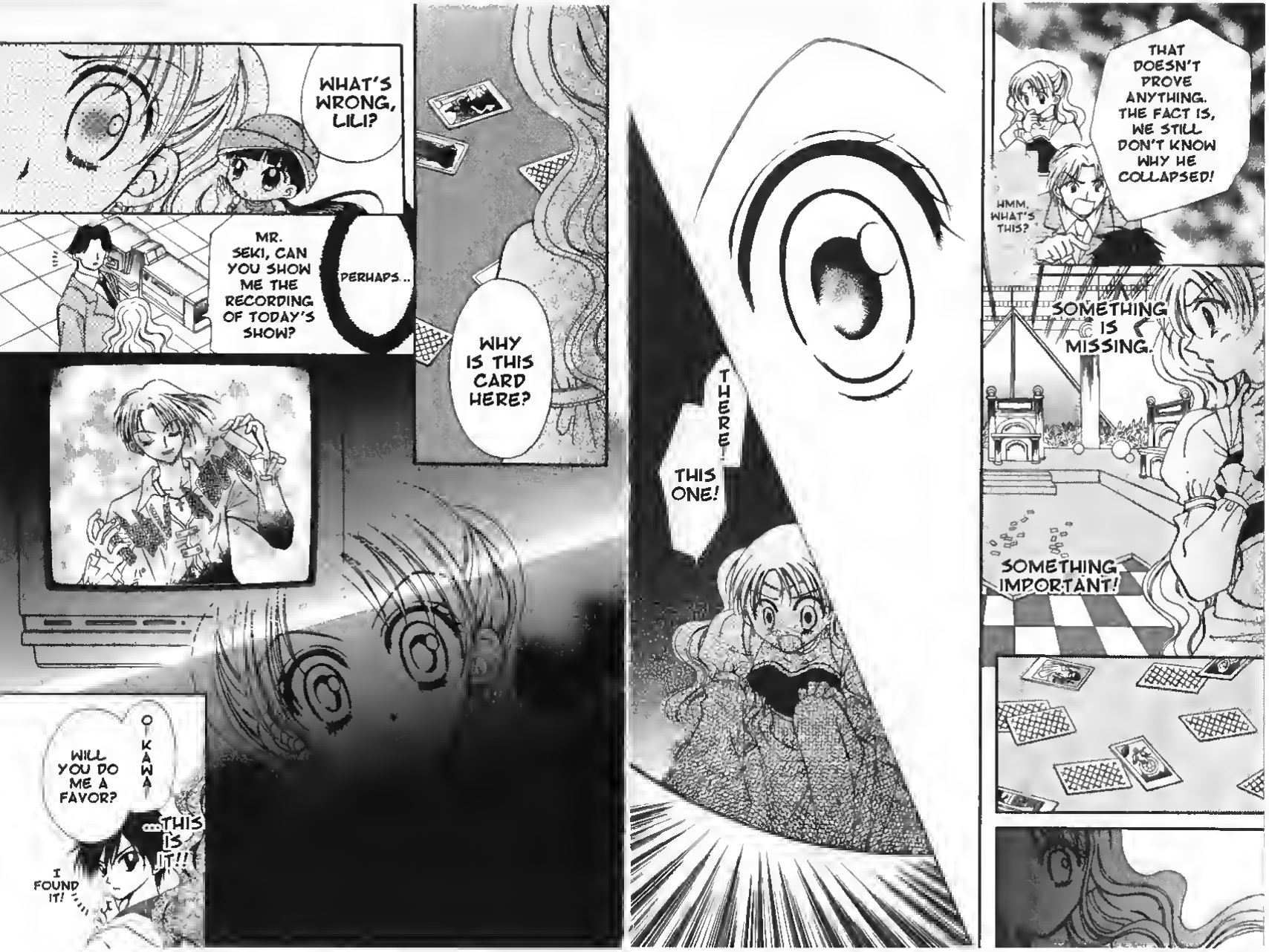
EVERYONE, CALM DOWN!!
I NEED TO ASK YOU ALL SOME QUESTIONS.
I'M GOING TO ASK EVERY-ONE WHAT YOU WERE DOING WHEN PRINCE RYO COLLAPSED.

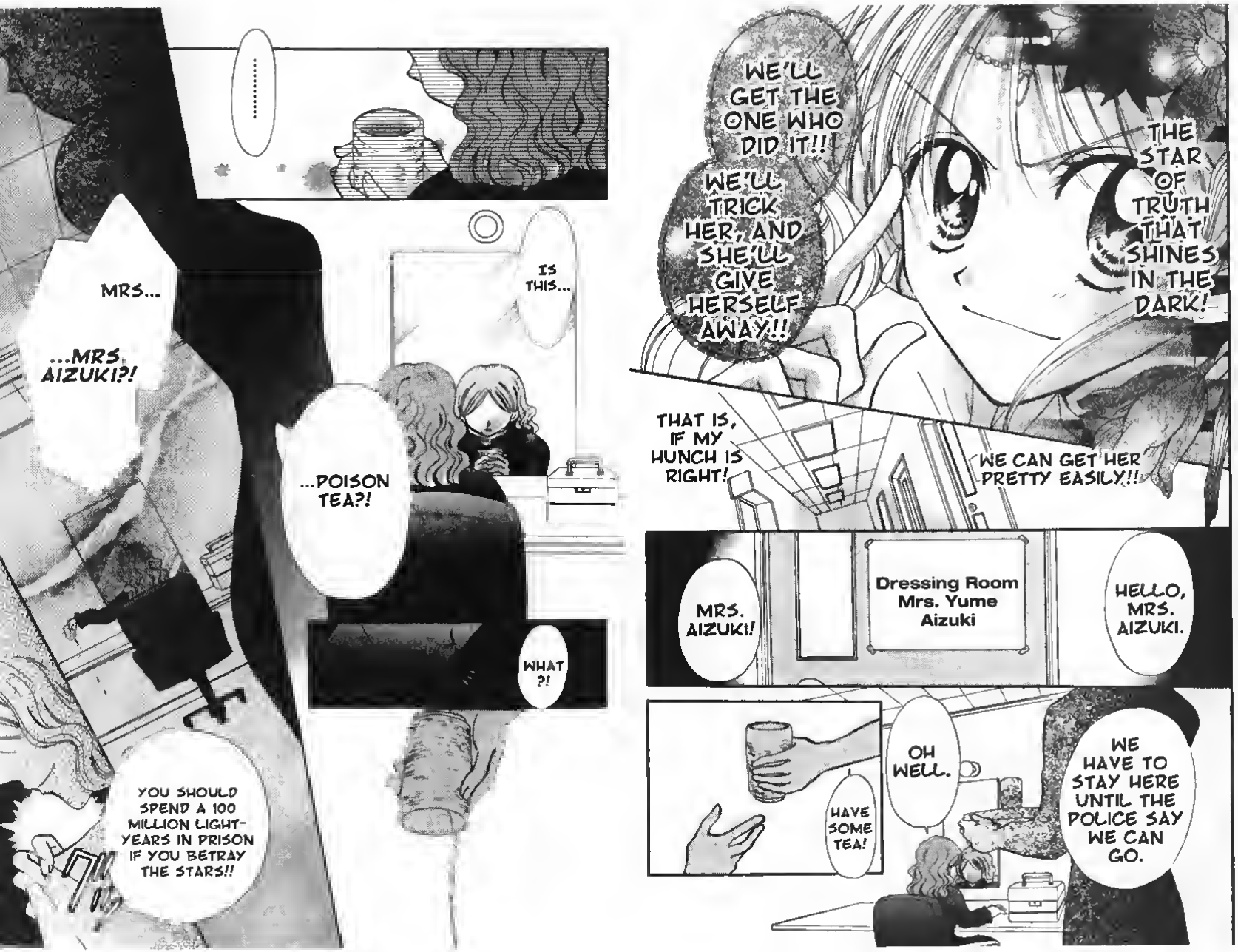
NO ONE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO RYO TO HURT HIM.
WELL, I MUST ADMIT...
...I THINK IT'S POETIC JUSTICE. AFTER ALL, HE'S AN ARROGANT, EGO FREAK BUT WHATEVER I AM GOING BACK TO MY DRESSING ROOM.

I WAS GIVING A CUE TO SOMEONE OFFSTAGE, TELLING HIM TO START THE SMOKE MACHINE. IT WAS DURING THE CLIMAX OF RYO'S PERFORMANCE.






WHAT'S WRONG, LILI?
MR. SEKI, CAN YOU SHOW ME THE RECORDING OF TODAY'S SHOW?
PERHAPS..
WHY IS THIS CARD HERE?
O-KAWA
WILL YOU DO ME A FAVOR?
...THIS IS IT!!!
I FOUND IT!
THERE!
THIS ONE!
THAT DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING. THE FACT IS, WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHY HE COLLAPSED!
HMM. WHAT'S THIS?
SOMETHING IS MISSING.
SOMETHING IMPORTANT!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MRS...
...MRS. AIZUKI?!
IS THIS...
...POISON TEA?!
WHAT?!
YOU SHOULD SPEND A 100 MILLION LIGHT-YEARS IN PRISON IF YOU BETRAY THE STARS!!
WE'LL GET THE ONE WHO DID IT!!
WE'LL TRICK HER, AND SHE'LL GIVE HERSELF AWAY!!
THE STAR OF TRUTH THAT SHINES IN THE DARK!
THAT IS, IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT!
WE CAN GET HER PRETTY EASILY!!
MRS. AIZUKI!
Dressing Room Mrs. Yume Aizuki
HELLO, MRS. AIZUKI.
HAVE SOME TEA!
OH WELL.
WE HAVE TO STAY HERE UNTIL THE POLICE SAY WE CAN GO.

MISS NODA!
WHAT?
WELCOME TO...
...SPICA'S SPECIAL DETECTIVE SHOW!!

!
WHAT?
THEY CAN SEE EVERYTHING FROM HERE IN THE STUDIO!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
NODA!
YOU PLANTED A POISON-COVERED NEEDLE ON ONE OF RYO'S TAROT CARDS!! YOU WANTED TO KILL HIM!!
ADMIT IT!!

I RIGGED THIS CAMERA!
AW!
WITH MY HANDIWORK, WE CAN SHOW EVERYONE IN THE STUDIO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THIS ROOM!
WHAT'S THAT?
WATCH THIS!
INSPECTOR HOSHIZAWA!
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?

...BUT HE WENT ON WITH HIS SHOW.
RYO MUST HAVE FELT A STING...
AND ONCE THE SMOKE CLEARED...
AFTER ALL, I NEVER GAVE HIM THE CARD!
OH PLEASE! YOUR IMAGINATION IS IN OVERDRIVE!
THERE YOU HAVE IT!
LET ME SHOW YOU!
HERE, SEE!! I STILL HAVE IT WITH ME!

AND TODAY ...
...YOU GOT THAT CHANCE!
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO KILL RYO BY PLANTING A POISON NEEDLE IN HIS DECK OF TAROT CARDS!
DEATH
YOU PUT THE POISON NEEDLE ON THE CARD!
RYO DROPPED THE DEATH CARD RIGHT BEFORE THE SHOW STARTED!
HE WALKED RIGHT INTO YOUR TRAP!
RYO DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT WAS GOING ON!
YOU HAD GREAT COVER FROM THE SMOKE MACHINE. THE STUDIO WAS FULL OF SMOKE!
AND THEN YOU GAVE IT BACK TO HIM IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS PERFOR-MANCE!

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LOOK!
HERE IT IS!
!!
YOU THOUGHT YOU PICKED IT UP, DIDN'T YOU?
...THAT'S IMPOSS-IBLE!!
BUT...
...HOW?

HEY INSPECTOR, YOU'RE IN THE STUDIO. ♡
DO ME A FAVOR AND WALK OVER TO WHERE RYO PASSED OUT.
WHAT?
LILI!!
AND BE VERY CAREFUL WITH IT!!
PICK UP THE DEATH CARD THAT'S IN THERE!
THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL FIND IT!

LET ME SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU!
YOU HAVE THE CARD!
THAT PROVES YOU TRIED TO KILL RYO!

SO NODA, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT?!!
I'LL TELL YOU HOW! THE DEATH CARD IN THE STUDIO IS THE ONE YOU USED TO POISON RYO!!
WE CAN PROVE IT, TOO!! I JUST BET IF WE LOOK, WE'LL FIND A POISON NEEDLE ON IT, ALONG WITH YOUR FINGER-PRINTS!!
WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT SPARE CARD?!
HOW DID YOU GET THAT CARD?

...YOU'D BE BUSTED!
YOU KNEW IF ANYONE FIGURED OUT YOU GAVE THE DEATH CARD TO RYO...
YOU HAD IT ALL PLANNED OUT. YOU WERE GOING TO COVER YOUR TRACKS!
YOU PICKED UP THE DEATH CARD RIGHT AFTER RYO FELL DOWN!
THE CARD YOU PICKED UP WAS RYO'S SPARE.
IT'S ALL HERE, CAUGHT ON TAPE!!
BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ONE LITTLE YET IMPORTANT THING!
ONE OF THE CARDS HE WAS HOLDING WAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS. THE PATTERN ON THAT CARD WAS A [redacted] DIFFERENT FROM THE REST.
GET IT?!
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT RIGHT BEFORE THE SHOW, RYO NOTICED THE DEATH CARD WAS MISSING.
SO HE GOT ANOTHER DEATH CARD, A SPARE, AND PUT IT IN HIS DECK.
!
DEATH
DEATH

Kyoto
I went to Kyoto to gather material to write File 6. I go to Kyoto all the time, so it wasn't a big deal. When I was in grade school, I went to Kyoto on class picnics. I got so tired of visiting temples and shrines. But now that I'm an adult, I really like seeing the sites there.

My favorite place is Gion Corner.
Time seems to stop when I'm there. There was a great shop there that sold green tea. I'd like to go there again-!

I USED TO GO SEE HIM EVERY DAY!
HIS FORTUNE-TELLING GAVE ME COURAGE AND HOPE!
...AND I WAS WORKING AS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ON THE SHOW.
BUT THEN HE BECAME A BIG TV STAR...
I NEED YOU TO RESEARCH PEOPLE WHO WILL BE ON THE SHOW. THAT WAY, WHEN THEY COME ON THE SHOW, I'LL KNOW ALL ABOUT THEM!
!!
I BELIEVED IN HIM!
I TRUSTED HIM!
I DID EVERY-THING HE TOLD ME TO DO!

I THOUGHT THE NEEDLE FELL OFF THE CARD!
OH, YES, YES.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL. I MESSED UP! I SHOULDN'T HAVE PICKED UP THE WRONG CARD!
NODA?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I WAS A BIG FAN OF RYO, AT LEAST UNTIL HE GOT FAMOUS.
.....
BUT...
...I WANTED HIM TO QUIT THIS STUPID FORTUNE-TELLING BUSINESS!

IT COMFORTS SO MANY PEOPLE!
BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE GET HELP FROM FORTUNE-TELLING!
BEING FULL OF HATRED LIKE THAT WILL ONLY MAKE YOUR LIFE EMPTY AND MISERABLE!
STAY POSITIVE!
HE'S RIGHT. YOU SHOULDN'T THROW AWAY YOUR FUTURE...
...WITH BITTER-NESS AND RESENT-MENT!
KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

I WAS SO DUMB TO TRUST HIM!
I WAS LEFT FRUSTRATED AND HUMILIATED. THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD EVER FORGIVE HIM!
FORTUNE-TELLING IS NOTHING BUT FRAUD!
FORTUNE-TELLERS JUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GULLIBLE NERDS LIKE ME!
NODA!
SINCE EVERYONE LOVES MY FORTUNE-TELLING, I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP ANYMORE!
TAKE THIS AND DON'T TELL ANY-ONE ABOUT IT.
YOU'RE JUST AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SO NO ONE WILL BELIEVE YOU IF YOU TELL ON ME.

MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
INSPECTOR, I AM TURNING MYSELF IN!!
...I WILL WORK HARD TO MAKE MY LIFE HAPPY!
TELL RYO THAT...
IT'S EASY TO HATE SOMEONE...
...BUT HATRED WILL EAT YOU UP. IT WILL DESTROY YOU!

INSPECTOR!
I GOT A MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITAL!
RYO WOKE UP AND IS DOING BETTER!!
A POSITIVE, BRIGHT FUTURE...
RYO...
YOU'RE A LUCKY GUY!
BUT...
...IT'S TOO LATE NOW!

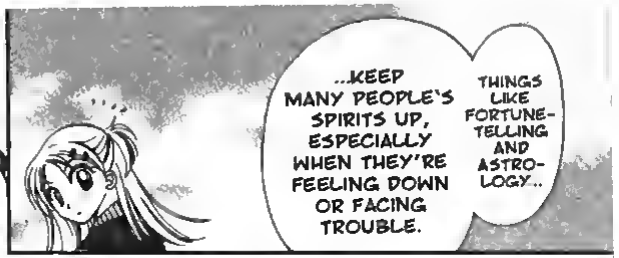
.....
REMEMBER...
...WHAT KIND OF FORTUNE-TELLER YOU WANTED TO BE?!
I LOST MY WAY.
病院
BOY, I'M BUMMED!
ISN'T IT AWFUL THAT...
...FORTUNE-TELLING NEARLY LED TO MURDER!
NOW THE CASE IS SOLVED!

すばる病院
WHAT?
THIS CASE IS FINALLY SOLVED, HUH?
NO. NOT YET!
REALLY? NODA DID ALL THAT?
I JUST DIDN'T SEE IT!
I'VE BEEN A JERK EVER SINCE I GOT FAMOUS!
A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER?
YEP!
YOU USED TO CHEER ME UP LIKE THIS!
HERE...
...THIS WILL BRING YOU GOOD LUCK.
YOU'D BETTER BE SORRY FOR WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING!
THAT'S RIGHT.
Okay, I get it

IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE YOUR LAST ALLERGIC REACTION!
HA! HA! HA!
SHUT UP!
HA!
OH, SHOOT!

ACCORDING TO MRS. AIZUKI, SHE IS SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU!
...WHO IS THE GIRL THAT YOU LOVE, HIRO?
BY THE WAY...

HER FORTUNE-TELLING ISN'T ACCURATE AT ALL!
BUT MRS. AIZUKI IS ALWAYS RIGHT!
WHO IS IT?
WHY DON'T YOU FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF!


...KEEP MANY PEOPLE'S SPIRITS UP, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY'RE FEELING DOWN OR FACING TROUBLE.
THINGS LIKE FORTUNE-TELLING AND ASTRO-LOGY..

IT HELPS KEEP THEM GOING SO THEY CAN LIVE HAPPY LIVES.
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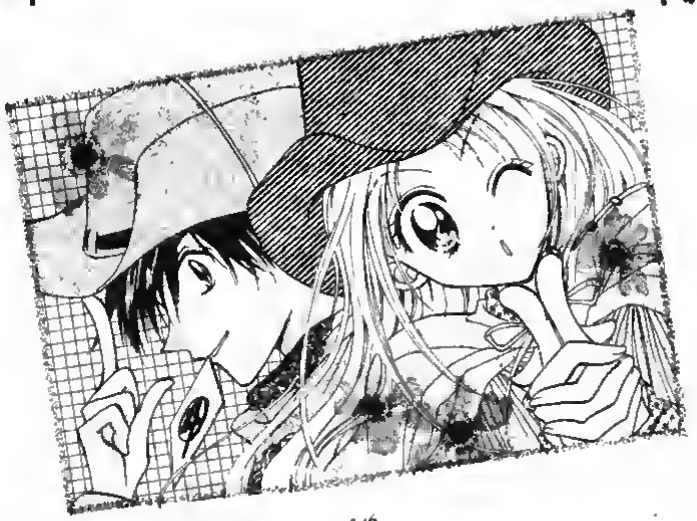
OIKAWA!

Astrea, the astral spirit who appears in File 5, is a first-place winner of the Astral Spirit Design Contest. The submitted works were all impressive - and I had the hardest time choosing the winner. I remember not being able to decide until the last minute. All the contestants were talented. I could tell that all of them did their very best!

Many of them created female characters and added a comment that said "This astral spirit loves Regulus the Leo." Regulus, you are the most popular, hottest male character! (Ha, ha!) To my surprise, the most popular signs were Pisces, Cancer and Libra. One of the characteristics of Cancer is "home-loving." There was an astral spirit of Cancer who was a domestic man with an apron. It really cracked me up! What a great sense of humor!!

I would like to thank all of those who participated in the contest!



WOW!!
LOOK, HIRO!!
WOW!! WHAT A VIEW OF KYOTO!!
十二宮でつかまえて
★File 6★
ふたご座の人形
(前編)
The DOLL OF the GEMINI (Part 1)

WINTER VACATION
OH NO !!
WHAT AN IDIOT!
OIKAWA AND I ARE INVITED TO KYOTO TO STAY WITH HIS AUNT.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE.
DON'T SAY THAT!
MY DAD HAS TO WORK DURING THE VACATION, SO HE CAN'T TAKE ME ANYWHERE!
THERE'S A MONK OVER THERE!

Mademoiselle Lili's Astrology (9)

Gemini: ♊ Castor and Pollux

Castor and Pollux are twins who were very close to each other. Their brother-in-law was jealous of their closeness and killed Castor. Pollux wanted to follow his twin brother, but he could not die because he was immortal. He was later transformed into stars and joined his brother as the constellation. It's a very sad story. Castor and Pollux are cheerful, talkative and romantic. They are very friendly and easily make new friends. They also tend to get bored easily and give up on relationships easily. They don't like girls who are too dependent. Gemini boys love challenges. They are playboys who are good at coming up with cool pick-up lines.

HIROMI!
THIS WILL BE A GREAT SHOT!
WHAT?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. MY PRACTICE DRAGGED ON!
WHAT?
WHAT?
WHAT?
KOTORI!
OIKAWA, WHO IS THIS?
OH!
THIS IS KOTORI, A GEISHA GIRL WHO WORKS AT MY AUNT'S.
OKIYA?
SIMPLY PUT, THAT'S WHERE THEY TRAIN GEISHA GIRLS.
MY AUNT RUNS AN OKIYA.
HI, I AM KOTORI! Nice to meet you!!

NOPE!
IS YOUR AUNT COMING TO SHOW US THE WAY?
SHE IS SUPPOSED TO BE AT KIYOMI-ZUDERA TEMPLE BY FOUR.
SHE'S LATE!
HEY, LOOK!!
HOW BEAUTIFUL!
LOOK THERE IS A GEISHA GIRL!
TOURISTS HAVE ONLY A 10% CHANCE OF SEEING A GEISHA GIRL DURING A VISIT TO KYOTO.
(ACCORDING TO LILI'S OWN STATISTICAL DATA.)

SAME HERE! MY NAME IS LILI!
SHE SMELLS SO GOOD!
SNIFF
DON'T SHAKE HANDS WITH SUCH A DIRTY HAND!
KOTOMI!
KOTORI!
OH?
OH?
IDENTICAL FACES?
WE'RE TWINS!
MY SISTER KOTOMI IS STILL A TRAINEE!
TWINS AREN'T RARE!
TOKYO GIRLS MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF EVERY-THING!
THAT'S WHY I DON'T CARE FOR THEM!
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE TWINS, THEIR PERSONALITIES APPEAR TO BE QUITE DIFFERENT!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR AGES, HIROMI!!
YOU USED TO COME SEE ME WHEN WE WERE LITTLE.
WE HARDLY SEE EACH OTHER ANY-MORE!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, YOU WERE STILL A TRAINEE!
YOU TURNED OUT TO BE A FINE GEISHA GIRL!
DO YOU THINK SO?

Big things

I love to see big things in nature, like the sky, the ocean, the universe and the desert. When I see them, I feel like the mistakes I've made are trivial and forgivable. I can be optimistic again. I am not a bad person or anything.

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WELCOME!
HELLO. NICE TO MEET YOU!
HI, AUNTIE!
...WE HAVE TO PUT YOU IN ONE OF THE ROOMS IN THE ANNEX.
HIROMI, BECAUSE YOU ARE A MALE...
SURE!!
BY THE WAY... ...DO YOU TWO WANT TO SEE A LITTLE OF MY PERFORMANCE?

STOP THAT, KOTOMI.
KOTORI SPENT MORE TIME DOING HER FACE THAN NORMAL, JUST TO IMPRESS HIROMI!
I AM SO HAPPY TO HEAR THAT!
TRYING TO IMPRESS HIROMI?
HUH?

あっつ
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL!
TO BE A GEISHA, YOU HAVE TO DANCE...
...AND YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TEA CEREMONY, FLOWER ARRANGE-MENTS...
...AND OTHER VARIOUS THINGS!
GEISHA GIRLS ARE LIKE THE ROSES OF KYOTO.
I WOULD LOVE TO BE A GEISHA TOO!
IT MUST BE HARD TO BECOME A GEISHA!
OH MY GOSH!
WOW!
...IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL!
THE WAY KOTORI DANCES...
KOTORI!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
GOZO!
WHAT IN THE WORLD--?

IT'S SO SPOOKY!
I THOUGHT I PUT IT AWAY!
.....
IT PROBABLY CAME OUT TO PROTECT THE GEISHAS!
THIS IS A DOLL THAT'S BEEN TREASURED BY GEISHAS FOR MANY YEARS!
GOZO, YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL NOT TO FALL UNDER A CURSE!
ARRRGH!!
COME TO MY ROOM RIGHT AWAY!
I COME HERE EVERY DAY JUST TO SEE YOU DANCE!
YOU CAN ONLY DANCE FOR ME!
DON'T.....
...DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
HE'S SO RUDE!
O... OVER THERE!
IT'S THERE AGAIN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, GOZO?
!
THE DOLL!

YOUR JOB MUST BE HARD WHEN IT COMES TO HANDLING CUSTOMERS LIKE HIM!
THANKS, HIROMI!
SHOOT!!
I'LL COME BACK AGAIN!!
BUT MANY PEOPLE TRULY ENJOY STAYING HERE! LIKE LILI!
IT'S WORTH BEING A GEISHA WHEN I SEE THOSE PEOPLE.
KOTORI...
...SHE TAKES SUCH PRIDE IN HER PROFESSION!

EXCUSE US! WE WERE HERE EARLIER! ♡
I'M A PAYING CUSTOMER!
A CURSE? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OH, YOU WORK FOR SHOJI!!
YOU LITTLE...
URG!!
YOU'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE IF I SEND OUT E-MAIL MESSAGES TO YOUR COMPANY ABOUT HOW YOU BEHAVE!

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WHAT'S UP, OIKAWA?
YES, MA'AM!
GOZO IS PESTERING ME, TELLING ME TO GET SOME COOKIES.
ARE YOU GOING OUT, KOTOMI?
THAT GUY!
I'LL BE BACK SHORTLY!
HE MUST HAVE STAYED HERE LAST NIGHT AND MUST BE STILL ROWDY THIS MORNING!
WERE YOU LONELY STAYING HERE ALONE?
SHOULD I KICK YOU OFF THE STAGE AT KIYOMIZU TEMPLE?
IT WAS VERY PEACEFUL. SO QUIET!

THE NEXT DAY
SHE IS SO COOL!
IT'S SO COLD!
ARRRRRR!
WHAT TIME DO YOU THINK IT IS?
IT'S ALMOST NOON SO IT'S NOT "GOOD MORNING" ANY-MORE!
Use Japanese properly!
ELEVEN O'CLOCK?!
OH!
MORNING, KOTOMI!
UGH!

OH!
KOTORI? THIS IS GOZO!
GOZO?
KOTORI, IT'S FOR YOU. GOZO IS ON THE PHONE!
HELLO!
YES, SPEAKING.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
UH-HUH.
DON'T YOU THINK SO, OIKAWA?
I'LL RUN AND SEE!
SOMETHING SEEMS WRONG WITH GOZO!
SHE SHOULD FORGET ABOUT A RUDE CUSTOMER LIKE HIM. BEING A GEISHA MUST BE HARD!
.....

NO MAN IS ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE MAIN BUILDING!
I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU BUT...
KOTORI!
IT LOOKS SO GOOD! ♡
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME GREEN TEA?
THIS ROOM IS SO FAR AWAY FROM THE MAIN BUILDING!
I get so tired walking down here!
I KNOW!
YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE PASSAGE-WAY IN THE COURTYARD, AND YOU HAVE TO COME EVEN FURTHER TOWARD THE CORNER
HELLO!
WHO CAN THIS BE?
R
R
R
R
URG!!

THE VOICE CAME FROM THE MAIN BUILD-ING!
LILI!
KOTORI!
OH MY GOSH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
AR... AR...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
G... GOZO IS...
!
H... HIROMI!

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KOTORI!
THAT'S KOTORI!?
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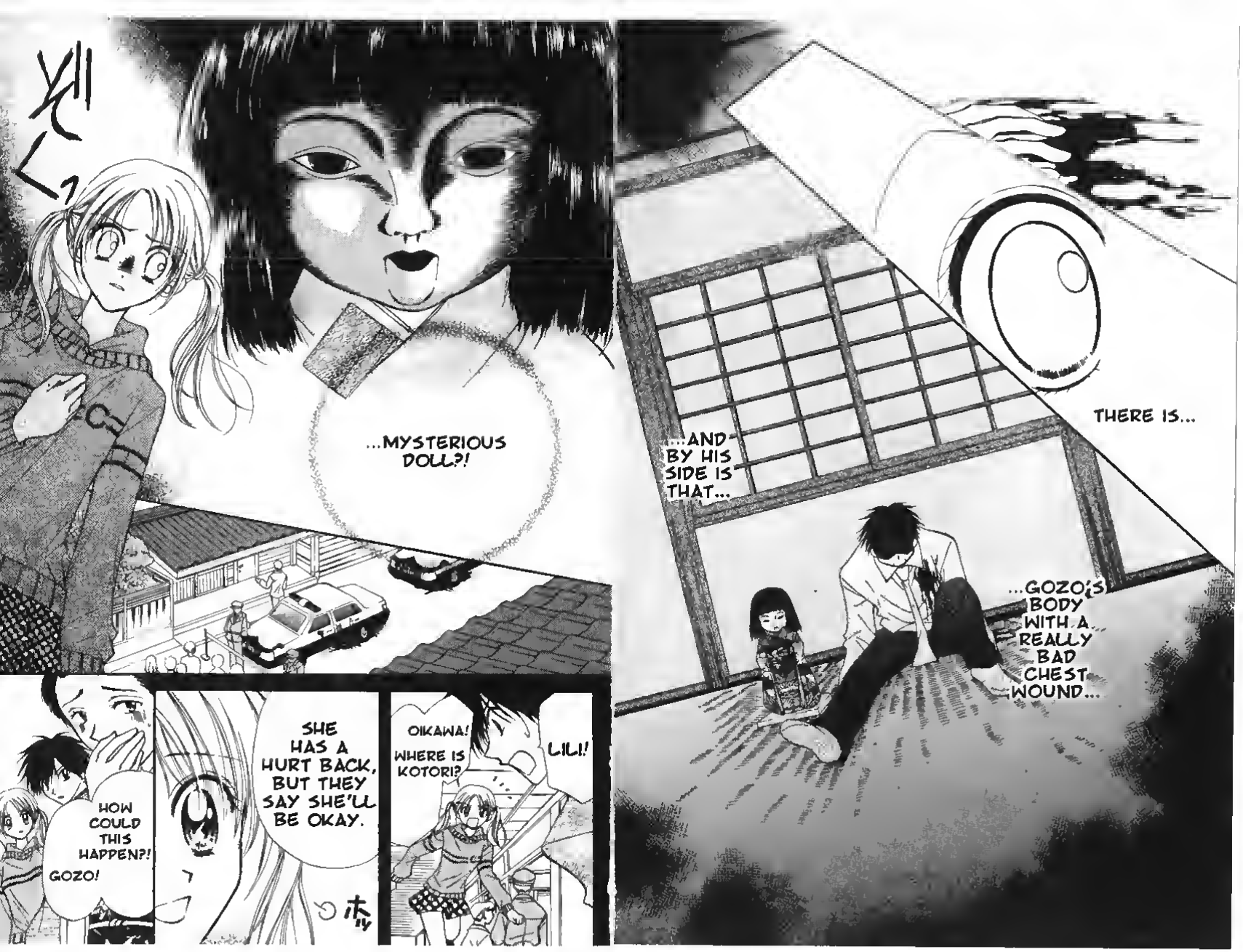

...MYSTERIOUS DOLL?!
THERE IS...
...AND BY HIS SIDE IS THAT...
...GOZO'S BODY WITH A REALLY BAD CHEST WOUND...
LILI!
OIKAWA! WHERE IS KOTORI?
SHE HAS A HURT BACK, BUT THEY SAY SHE'LL BE OKAY.
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?! GOZO!

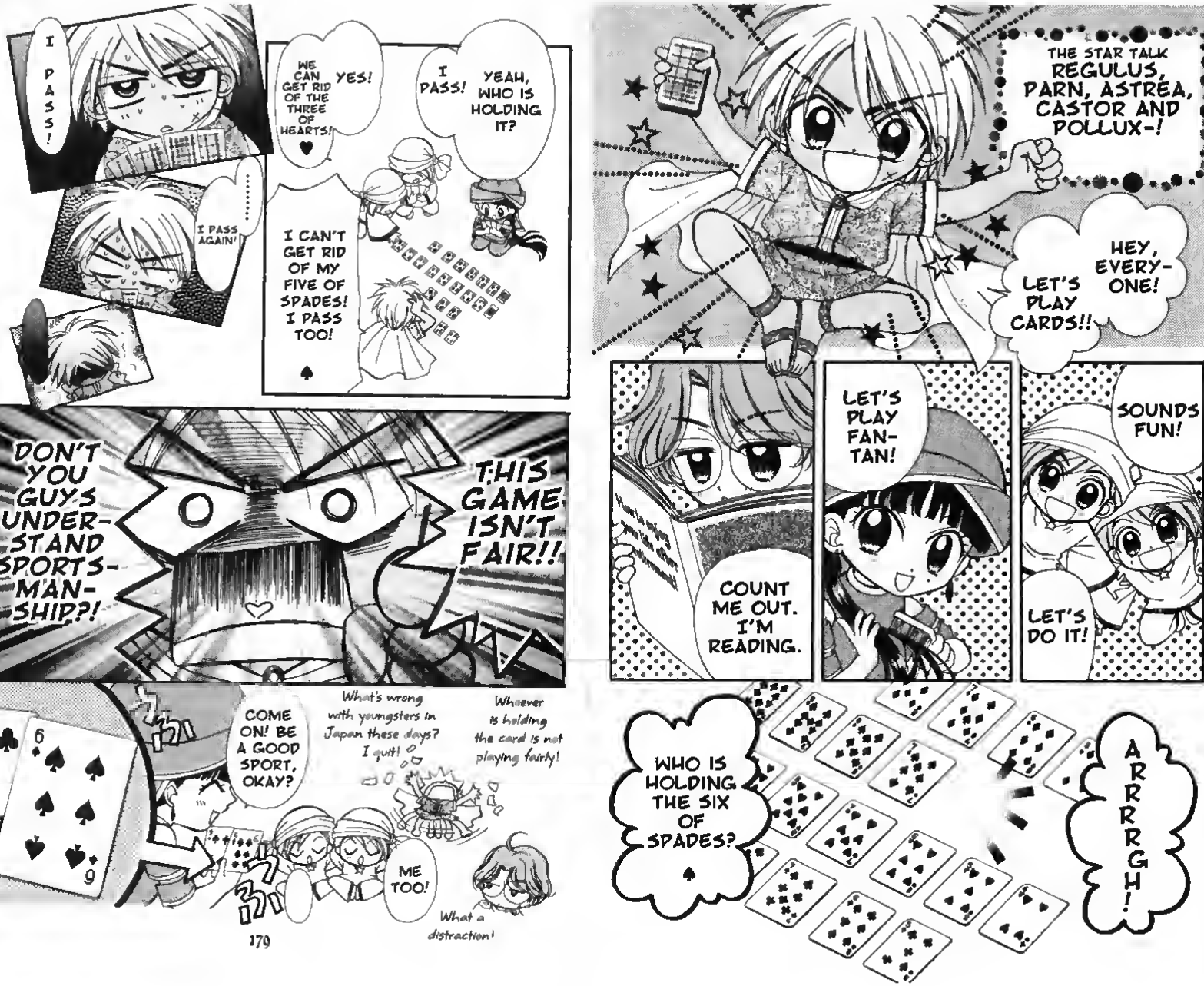
GEMINI!
I FORGOT SOME-THING IN THE ROOM!
SLIDE
MAY 30TH, 1985!
.....
WHAT? WHY DO YOU ASK ME THAT?
KOTOMI, WHAT DAY WERE YOU AND YOUR SISTER BORN?
JUST ANSWER ME!!
TIME TO SOLVE ANOTHER CASE!
MY STAR RING!
CASTOR AND POLLUX, THE SPIRITS OF THE GEMINI!
ANSWER THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING!
KOTORI'S ASTRAL SPIRIT!
HE DIED UNDER THE CURSE OF THE DOLL!
IT'S A CURSE!
KOTOMI?
THIS IS NOT A CURSE!
SOMEBODY MUST HAVE...
BUT KOTORI WAS ALSO HURT!
THE CURSE?

OUCH!
HYAAAH!
STOP FIGHTING!
SURE!
WE ARE GOING TO SETTLE THIS BY SUMO WRESTLING!

HEY, MOVE OVER!
YOU PROMISED TO LET ME COME OUT OF THE RING FIRST THIS TIME!
HUH?
I NEVER PROMISED YOU THAT!
...KOTORI'S DESTINY!
STARS, GUIDE ME AND TELL ME ABOUT...
AND COME OUT!

AND WHAT REVEALS THE TRUTH OF THE DAY...
...FLOWERS!
To be continued in Volume 3

LILI IS AS PUSHY AS USUAL!
LACK OF CALCIUM, PERHAPS!
CASTOR AND POLLUX!
CAST KOTORI'S HOROSCOPE FOR TODAY. HER BIRTHDAY IS MAY 30TH, 1985.
LET'S DO IT THEN!
OH WELL!
KOTORI THE GEMINI'S HORO-SCOPE FOR TODAY SAYS...
GUIDED BY THE RULING PLANET AND THE SUN...
...CASTOR AND POLLUX ARE HERE TO SERVE THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING!
YOU MAY BE DEEPLY HURT!
...YOU WILL BE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING UNEXPECTED!


I PASS!
I PASS AGAIN!
WE CAN GET RID OF THE THREE OF HEARTS!
YES!
I PASS!
YEAH, WHO IS HOLDING IT?
I CAN'T GET RID OF MY FIVE OF SPADES! I PASS TOO!
THE STAR TALK REGULUS, PARN, ASTREA, CASTOR AND POLLUX-!
HEY, EVERY-ONE!
LET'S PLAY CARDS!!
LET'S PLAY FAN-TAN!
COUNT ME OUT. I'M READING.
SOUNDS FUN!
LET'S DO IT!
DON'T YOU GUYS UNDER-STAND SPORTS-MAN-SHIP?!
THIS GAME ISN'T FAIR!!
COME ON! BE A GOOD SPORT, OKAY?
What's wrong with youngsters in Japan these days? I quit!
Whoever is holding the card is not playing fairly!
ME TOO!
What a distraction!
WHO IS HOLDING THE SIX OF SPADES?
ARRRRGH!

Coming Soon

Volume 3

Lili and her partner Hiromi are in Kyoto on their vacation. They stay at Hiromi's aunt's place, who runs an okiya and is a trainer of Geisha girls. Kotori, one of her trainees, shows them the way to the okiya. One day at the okiya, Gozo, a rude customer who favors Kotori, is found dead. Lili is determined to reveal the truth behind Gozo's death with a little help from the Star Ring. Will Lili figure it all out in time? Find out in Volume 3 of Zodiac P.I.!

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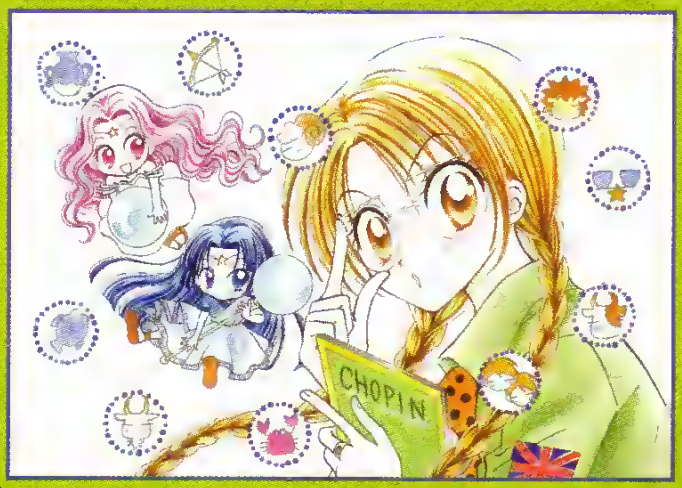

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